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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Baese et al.  
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For: Water Heater With Continuously Variable Air And Fuel  
Input  
Group Art Unit: 3749  
Examiner: Lu, Jiping  
Attorney's Docket No. N9554

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following comments are submitted in response to the non-Final Office  
Action dated March 13, 2006. Reconsideration in view of this response is requested.

**Retroactive Request for One Month Extension of Time**

Applicant hereby requests a retroactive one-month extension of time to and  
including July 13, 2006 within which to respond to the Office Action. Applicant's  
check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed. Any additional fees may be charged to  
Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

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